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As indicated in my voice message of today, enclosed please find a copy of the following documents filed on August 26, 2003:

- 1) Request for Continued Examination Transmittal Form;
- 2) Petition for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.36(a);
- 3) Request for Continued Examination (amendment); and
- 4) Postcard stamped by the PTO acknowledging receipt of these documents.

Applicants hereby respectfully request withdrawal of holding of abandonment of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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